

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.  
062891.0555

PATENT  
09/904,085

1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	HOUSE, Richard L.
Serial No.:	09/904,085
Filing Date:	July 12, 2001
Group Art Unit:	2112
Confirmation No.:	1874
Examiner:	Clifford H. Knoll
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REDUNDANCY BETWEEN CARD ELEMENTS IN A CHASSIS

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

I, Richard L. House hereby declare and state that:

1. I am the inventor of the subject matter of the above-referenced Application entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REDUNDANCY BETWEEN CARD ELEMENTS IN A CHASSIS" filed on July 12, 2001 (the "Application").

2. I developed an understanding and appreciation of the subject matter of at least the independent claims of the Application prior to May 30, 2001. Prior to May 30, 2001, with the help of a patent attorney, I generated a draft of the Application that was substantially similar to the Application as filed. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the drawings of that draft of the Application as they existed prior to May 30, 2001.

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.  
062891.0555

PATENT  
09/904,085

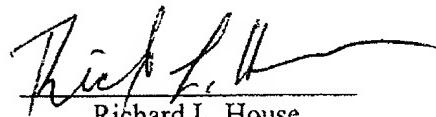
2

Attached in Exhibit B is a date and content redacted copy of a letter sent to me, enclosing the draft of the Application. The redacted date of this letter is before May 30, 2001.

3. Between May 30, 2001, and the filing date of the Application, the patent attorney and I finalized paperwork in anticipation of filing. Attached herewith as Exhibit B are correspondence papers with certain dates and other content redacted demonstrating some of the continuing activities, which began prior to May 30, 2001, and continued through to the filing date of the Application.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true. Further, I declare that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed this 2nd day of December, 2004.



Richard L. House



FIG. 1

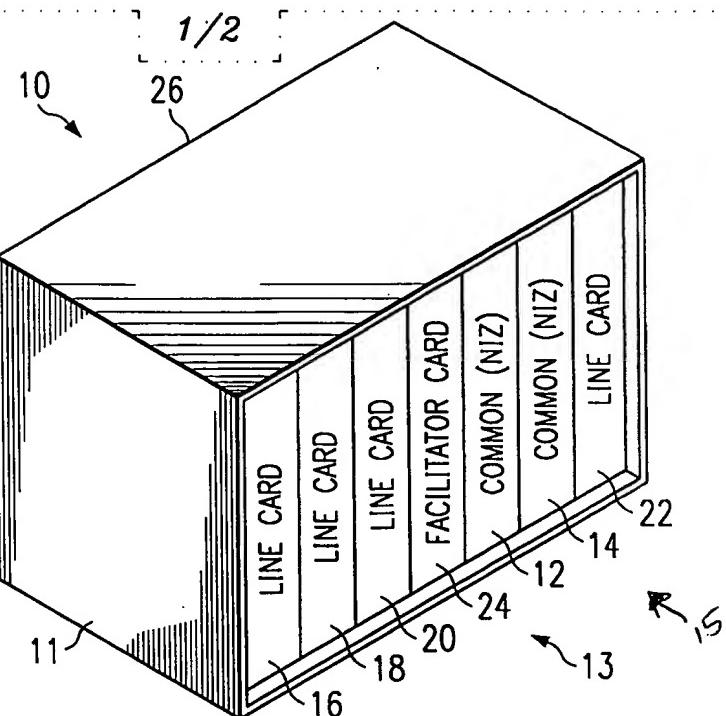
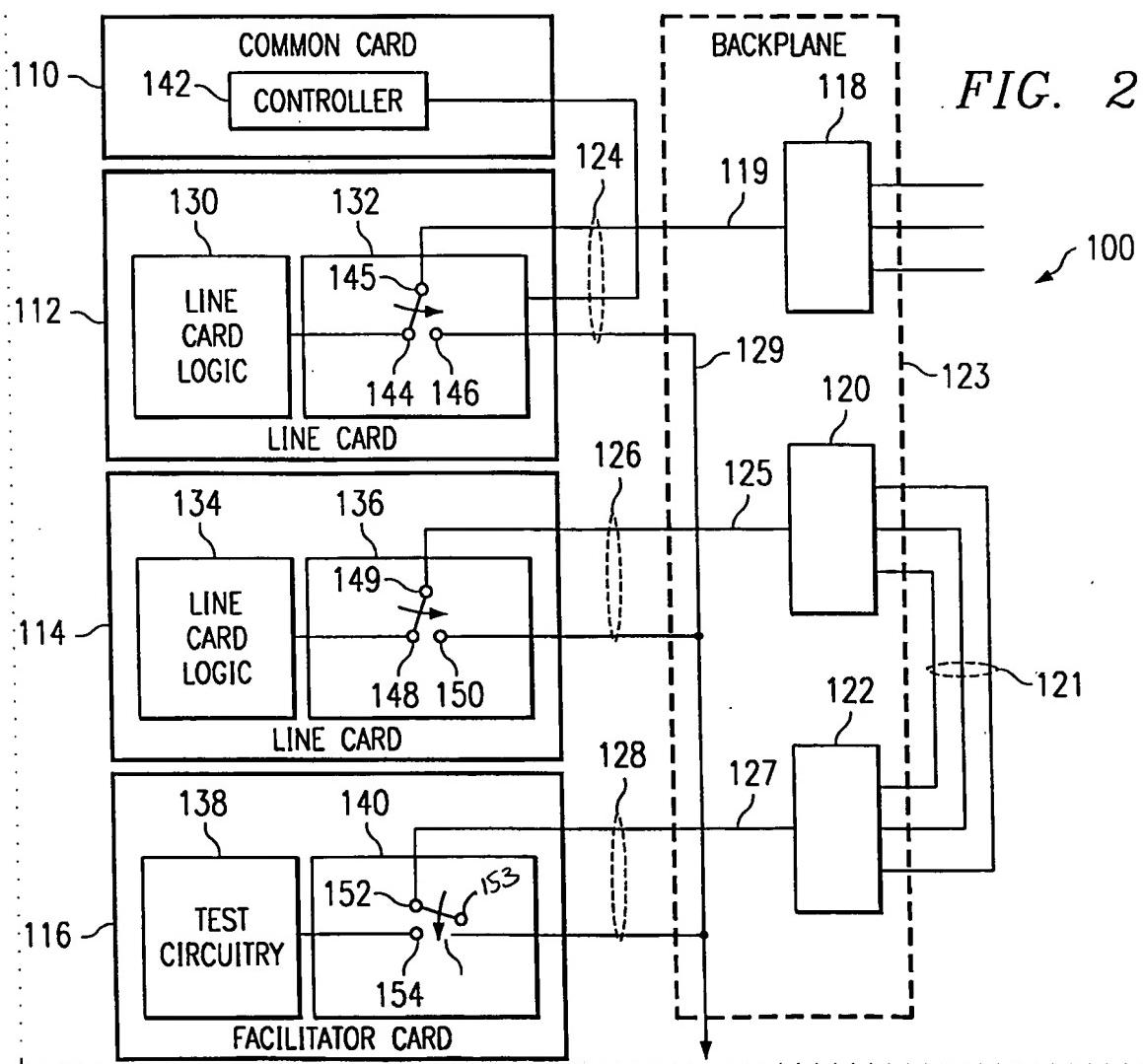


FIG. 2



2/2

FIG. 3

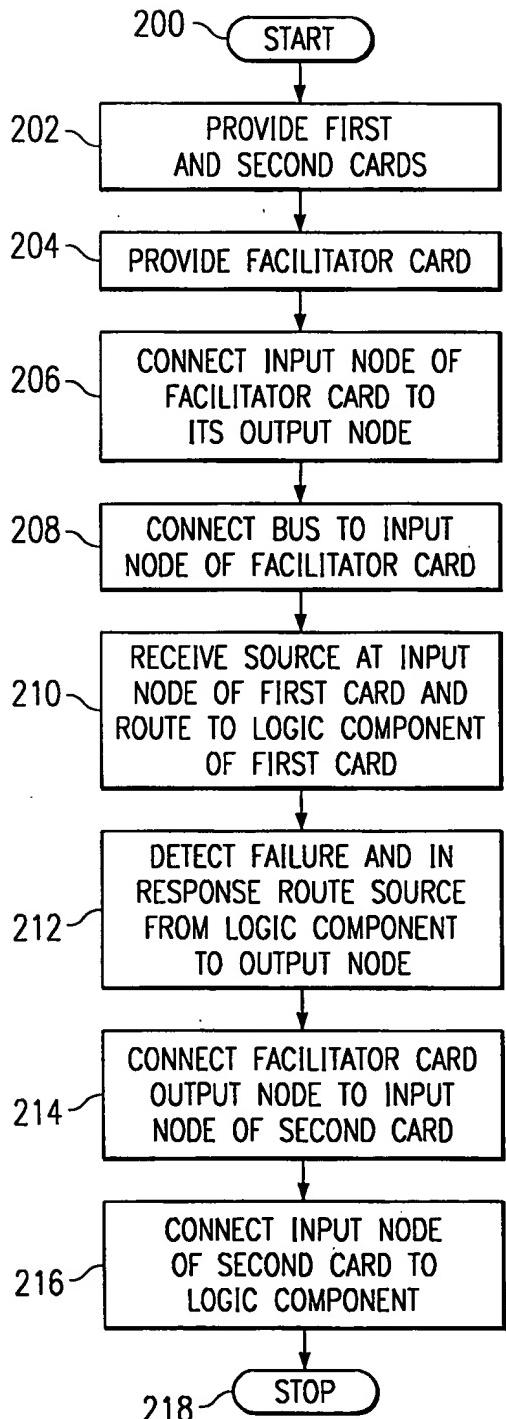
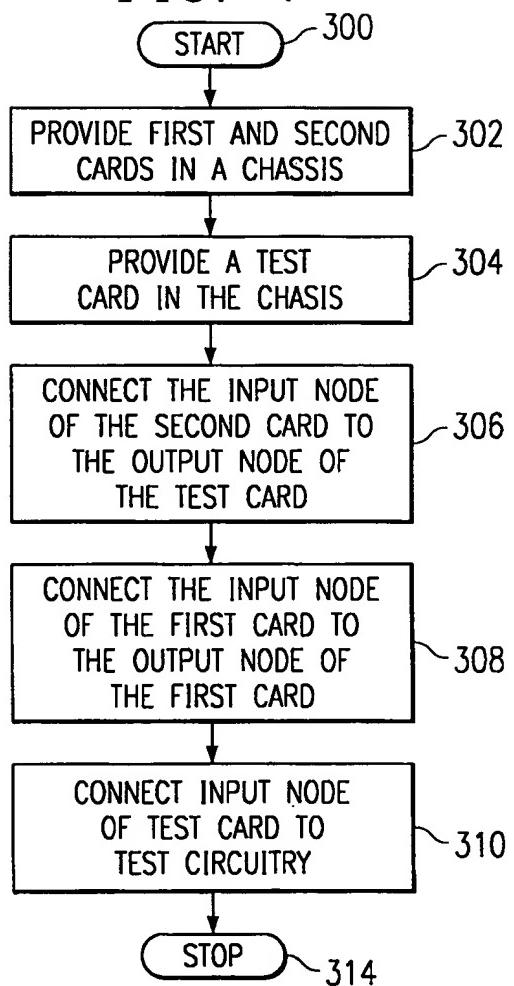


FIG. 4



# BAKER BOTTS LLP

2001 ROSS AVENUE	AUSTIN
DALLAS, TEXAS	BAKU
75201-2980	DALLAS
214.953.6500	HOUSTON
FAX 214.953.6503	LONDON
	NEW YORK
	RIYADH
	WASHINGTON



Bradley P. Williams  
214.953.6447  
FAX 214.661.4447  
[brad.williams@bakerbotts.com](mailto:brad.williams@bakerbotts.com)

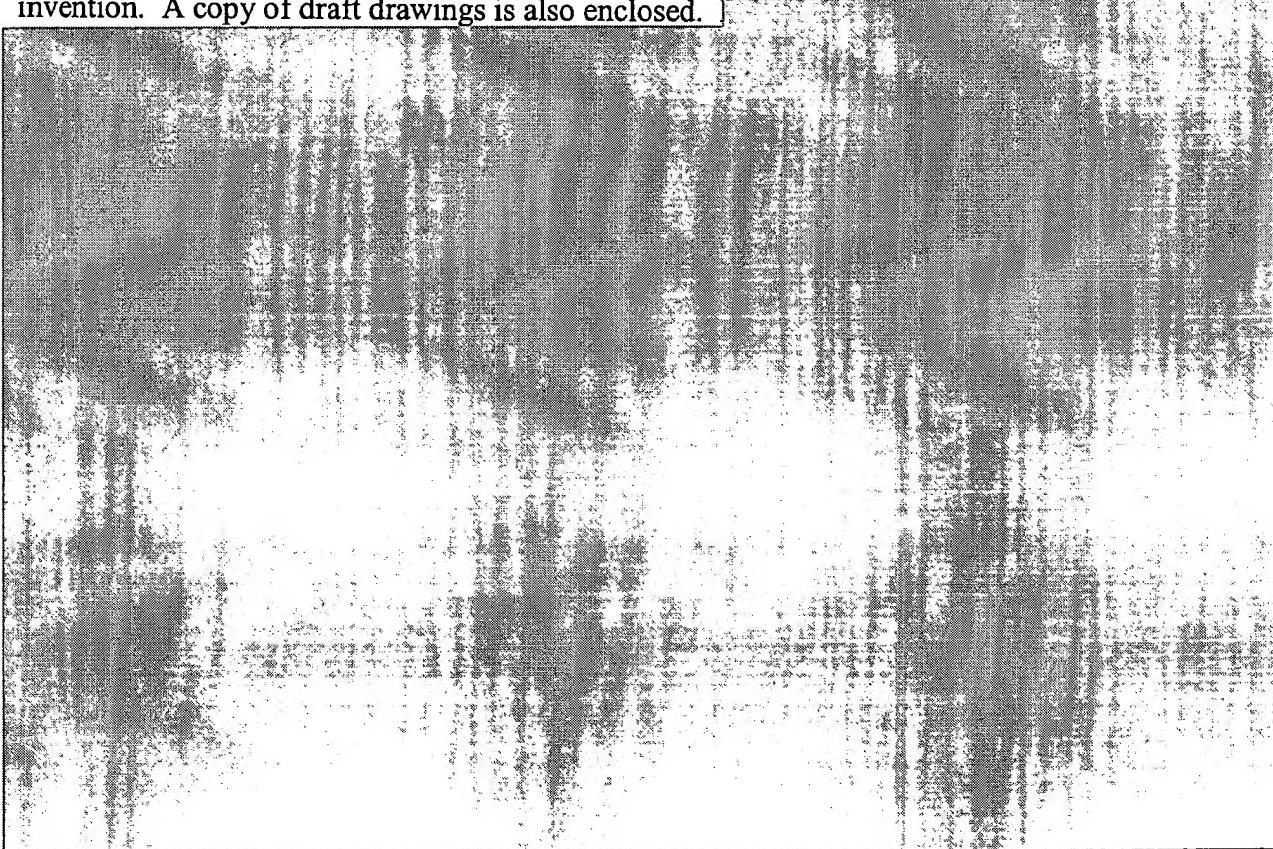
Via Federal Express

Richard L. House  
Cisco Systems, Inc.  
Mail Stop AST04/1/4  
12515 Research Blvd., Building 4  
Austin, TX 78759

Re: *Method and Apparatus for Providing Redundancy Between Card Elements in a Chassis Patent Application*  
Your Reference No. DSL 3852; Our File No. 062891.0555

Dear Richard:

Enclosed is a copy of a draft patent application covering the above-identified invention. A copy of draft drawings is also enclosed.



**BAKER BOTTS LLP**

Richard L. House

2



If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bradley P. Williams".

Bradley P. Williams

BPW:bam

Enclosures

**BAKER BOTTS LLP**

-2001 ROSS AVENUE  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
75201-2980  
214.953.6500  
FAX 214.953.6503

AUSTIN  
BAKU  
**DALLAS**  
HOUSTON  
LONDON  
NEW YORK  
RIYADH  
WASHINGTON

July 2, 2001

Bradley P. Williams  
214.953.6447  
FAX 214.661.4447  
brad.williams@bakerbotts.com

**PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL  
ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION**

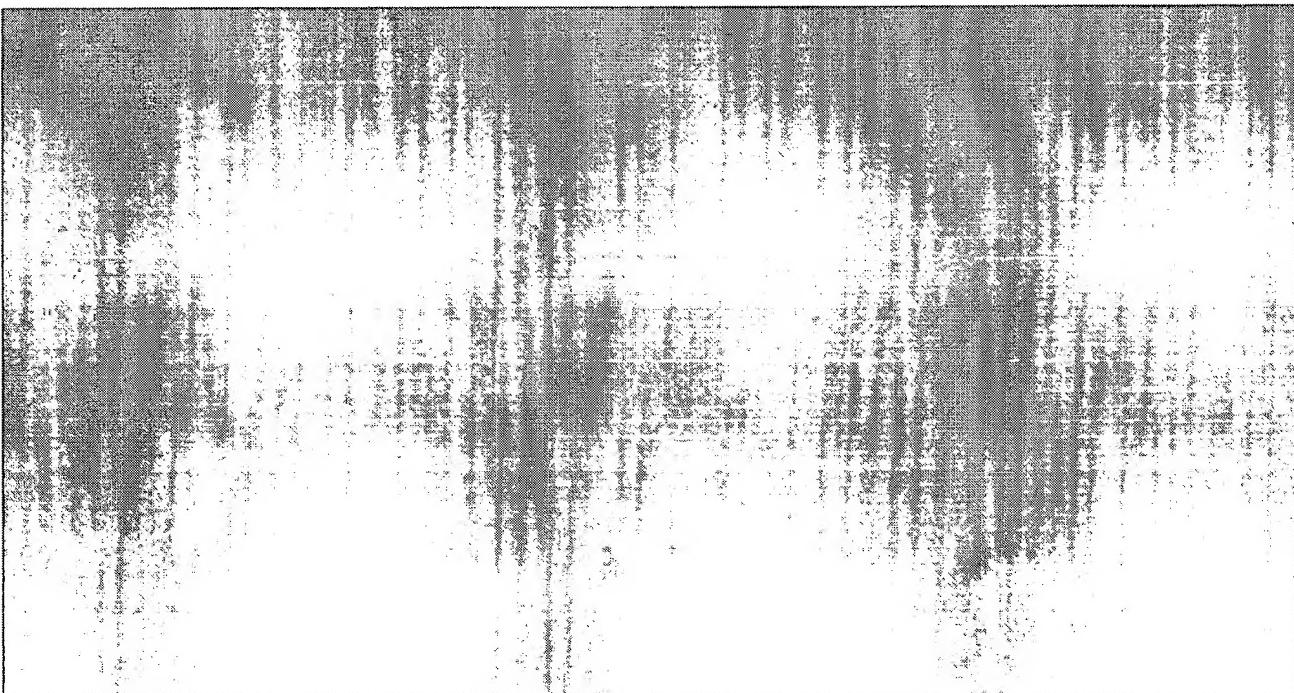
**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Mr. Richard L. House  
Cisco Systems, Inc.  
12515 Research Blvd., Bldg. 4  
Austin, TX 78759-2220  
(512) 378-1170

Re: *Method and Apparatus for Providing Redundancy Between  
Card Elements in a Chassis Patent Application; (DSL 3852);  
Our File No. 062891.0555*

Dear Richard:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-identified application for patent. The application should now be ready for execution and filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

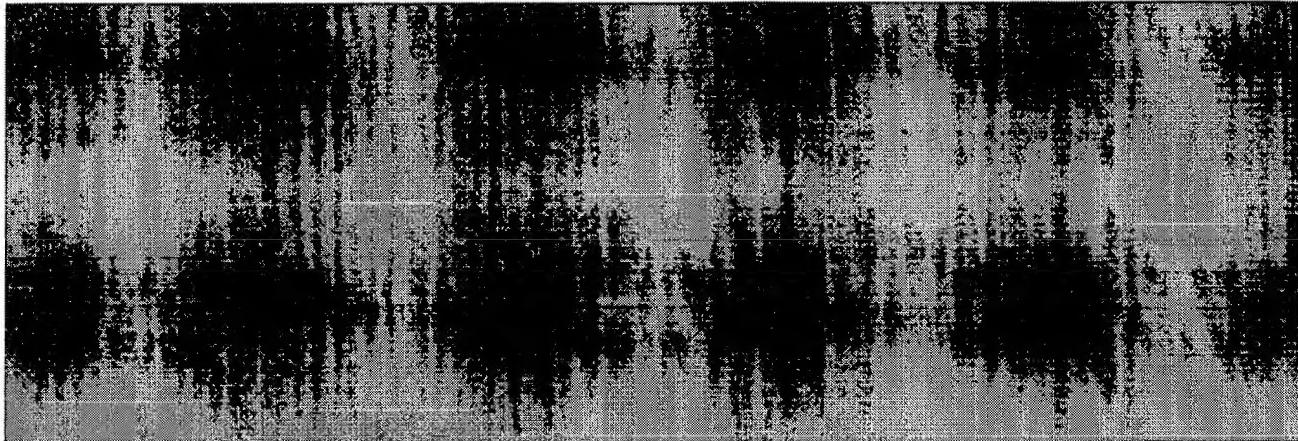


**BAKER BOTTS LLP**

Mr. Richard L. House

2

July 2, 2001



If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Bradley P. Williams

BPW:bam  
Enclosures